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Anyone who sighs for breathing room should go to Alaska. The territory has about 370,000,000 acres and the population is just less than 35,000, or over 10,500 acres for every man, woman, child, creole, Aleut, Indian and white. Persons desiring to grow up with the country will find large opportunity in Alaska for practicing that theory.

The English royal family are blessed with good appetites. They look upon four substantial meals a day as by no means an excessive allowance of food. Even at their 5 o'clock tea the wafer-like bread and butter that customarily accompany the syrupy Souchong or Orange Pekoe is supplemented by beautifully cut sandwiches, pate de foie gras and other tempting delicacies, and every justice is done to them by the illustrious ones without in any way "spoiling" the elaborate dinner that is to follow later on.

Buoyant clothing has been devised by a Londoner, and seems to be attracting some attention in that metropolis. Threads of cork are interwoven with cotton, silk, or woolen, machinery which slices the cork to the required thinness forming part of the invention. From these new materials clothes of ordinary appearance are constructed which bear up the wearer when committed unexpectedly to the water. The worth of the new fabrics was thoroughly tested by throwing three persons clothed in them from a pier. They floated as easily as if incased in cork jackets. It is said they remained in the water over an hour with out discomfort. The possibilities of fireproof apparel are next in order.

In receiving visitors the President, according to an exchange, has a peculiar habit in the management of his arms and hands. When he is pleased or contented to listen he holds his hands about six inches apart, with the back part of his hand against his coat. The fingers generally are quiet; but if they begin to work or contract he is growing tired. Then he will shift from one foot to the other. If the man bears him the arms gradually come forward. The move is gradual, but if the infliction continues the hands fall to the side—thumps in. If still the visitor persists in staying the arms go out and the thumbs beat against his side. Then is the time for disappearing.

Doctor Sutro, of London, celebrated for his knowledge of nervous diseases, said to a *Herald* correspondent, while talking of the treatment of hydrophobia: "I have never known a case cured where symptoms of hydrophobia had appeared, however slight or intermittent. I am inclined to believe that M. Pasteur is right and hope England and America will send doctors to study his method. The reported death of a little girl after inoculation under him proves nothing adverse to M. Pasteur, if thirty-six days had elapsed before his treatment began. People can't do better than try M. Pasteur. His inoculation is harmless and it may do good. Cauterization will best prevent hydrophobia, but it must be thorough, so that the part bitten may be absolutely destroyed. This is best done, I have found, with fuming nitric acid. A hot iron might only destroy the surface. Nitrate of silver, in my opinion, is utterly useless."

Evidently the life philosophic tends to longevity. There are, at present, at the various German universities, no fewer than 157 professors between the ages of seventy and ninety. Of these, 122 deliver their lectures as usual, seven of them being more than eighty-five years of age. The oldest is the veteran Von Ranke, the historian, who is now in his ninetieth year, but is not considered fully equal in vigor, memory and other faculties to Professor Elench, who is thirty-nine days his junior. After all, it is not remarkable that a professor should live to a good old age. He has a secured income and congenital pursuits. He ought to be devoid of the unworthy passions that shorten existence, and to lead a life as placid as that of the gods of Epicurus. But Germany, in spite of the figures we have quoted, cannot show a professor equal to M. Chevreuil, of Paris, who still lectures, still writes, still conducts experiments in his chemistry, still walks every day from his house to his laboratory, and will, if he lives, be 100 years of age in the August of next year.

Commenting upon the vast fortune left by the late W. H. Vanderbilt, the *Chicago Herald* says: "Two hundred millions! What are they? Who can compute their power for good or evil? Who can imagine them in a single pile or grasp the responsibilities involved in their possession? Two hundred millions are one-tenth of the national debt at its greatest figure. They are more by \$20,000 than the entire customs revenues of the United States, and they are considerably in excess of one-half of the entire revenue of the republic from all sources. They would support the United States army of 25,000 men for five years, pay the 256,000 pensioners for three years, run the naval establishment for ten years, build a double track from New York to San Francisco, and give every man, woman and child in the United States \$1. Five per cent. interest on them would yield an income of \$10,000,000 per annum, enough to support every charitable institution in America not of a public nature, to build asylums and hospitals for the world in fifty years, to educate, feed and clothe the deserving poor forever, and to make such a thing as a sum unknown in any city of the republic. The man who controls a fortune like that is not to be envied unless he does some good with it."

Business.

There was a man once on a time who thought him wondrous wise. He was over by all the fabled gods he'd never seen. But the goods were advertised so long, and thereby hangs the tale—The ad was set in nonpareil, and headed "Sheriff's Sale."

—Salem Gazette.

SPINNING.

Just as the spinner turns the wheel And with her song winds her thread, So as I turned the wheel of thought, It every round new pleasure brought, Until "there is," I said,

"No joy that can compare with mine— In all the world no heart so blest!" And so the whole day long I spun, And fast, so fast the thread wound on Hope's shuttle in my breast.

But while I in the sunlight turned The busy wheel and sang my song, And while my shuttle was so full, And all the thread so beautiful, My spinning all went wrong.

The thread it broke and slipped my hold, Till I could not discern, Where and which was the end I sought; It tangled, and the wheel of thought For me refused to turn.

In the old-time exultant way; My hand its cunning all had lost; It could no longer deftly spin, Because the thread of hope had in The thread of sorrow crossed.

—Helen A. Mansfile.

DUSTERS.

"Dusters" have gone out of fashion, my dear; look into any Pullman palace car now, and you see that for yourself. I too am one of these, though I am the thing at all; first-class travelers now are in stylish suits, and I'm sure they look much better. A few years ago the women in any waiting-room were like a brigade ready to be ordered off on duty, all in uniform—the regulation gray suit, with a blue or brown vest to match. We shrank, both of us, before he asked pardon for calling, saying he had prepared so good so each day since our first meeting, but feared I would consider it presumptuous. At last he had decided that he must offer an apology and explanation for conduct which doubtless appeared scarcely that of a sane man.

"I was expecting my sister," he said; "my sister whom I have not seen for ten years."

"Would you believe it—I promised to tell you all the truth, or you should not hear this—my heart almost flew out from my lips when he said that? So 'Christine' was his sister, only his sister. He had told myself before what manner of bird, son, or fool she was; now I found an unacknowledged satisfaction in discovering.

"The mistake was due entirely to the duster," he continued; "she distinctly wrote that her costume would consist of a gray drab and blue veil, but since I have thought of it, it seems to me all the worse to wear." We were making shift as here. I will tell her to make an explicit next time. I might make an other blunder, and it might be a worse one."

I scarcely knew what this meant, but I scolded pleasantly in my ears anyway. He left, after awhile, asking to be allowed to "now and then" and I went back upstairs, and went up to the looking-glass, thinking, "I wish I had had a blue cushion to lay, instead of this sombre brown." What giddy creatures girls are to be!

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Salem, N. C., Jan. 5, 1886.

Nearly all Europe was covered with snow last week.

The Raleigh *Visitor* says: During January the State Treasurer issued 128 drummer's license.

An Irish meeting in Philadelphia last week, raised nearly \$6,000 for the Irish Parliament Fund.

Andrew Baxter Springs, of Charlotte, died in New York, on the 27th of January. He was in the surgical institute in that city for treatment.

The Spring term of the Supreme Court convened in Raleigh last Monday. There are twelve applicants for lawyer's license before the court.

Demorest for February contains an unusual array of seasonal literature. It ranks among the very best ladies' magazines in the country. The Press and Demorest for our year, \$3.00.

END OF THE NEW BRITISH MINISTRY.—Lord Salisbury and his cabinet have sent in their resignations and they have been accepted by the Queen. This was a short lived cabinet, only having been in office for a few months.

Capt. R. H. Blane, member of a rich Northern syndicate, has bought Piedmont Springs from Gabriel Peasey, including 2,000 acres of land, for \$6,000; also the Cheever land, containing 30,000 acres, all in Burke county.

The Greensboro *Daily Workman* says: Mrs. Mary Pearson, wife of the late Chief Justice Pearson, died at the residence of Mr. John G. Byrum in Morganton, on yesterday morning. Mrs. Pearson was 70 years of age, and had been twice married, first to Gen. John Gray Byrum, and then to Judge Pearson.

FOREIGN ITEMS.—Cholera has appeared at Battaglia, near Padua, Italy. Eight cases.

Telegraph lines have been erected in Tonquin, Asia, to Langston.

The European powers have agreed to prevent future hostilities in the Balkans. Greece has submitted to the powers.

Osman Digna is again to the front and threatens Massawa on the Red Sea.

—There are two forms of chronic rheumatism: one in which the joints are swollen and red without fever, and the appetite and digestion good, in the other the joints are neither red nor swollen, but only stiff and painful. In either form Salivation Oil may be relied on to effect a cure. It kills pain. Price 25 cents a bottle.

ST. NICHOLAS for February opens with a fresh and interesting article on the "Florentine Babies," being an illustrated sketch of the works of the sculptor, Luca della Robbia. "Fish Spearin," "George Washington," "Catching a Wild Cat," and a full complement of children's literature to suit all ages and tastes, make up a most charming number. \$2.00 a year.

The FEBRuary CENTURY contains a well engraved portrait of General McClellan, as a frontispiece. The first chapters of "The Minister's Charge," by Howells, a companion serial to "The Rise of Silas Lapham." A sketch of Antoine Louis Barbe is beautifully illustrated. Geo. W. Cable furnishes an article entitled "The Dance in Place Congo, New Orleans," with illustrations, and Dance Music described. General Grant's article, "Preparing for the Wilderness Campaign," is interesting, as is Gen. Longstreet's "March against the Pope," fully illustrated. "City Dwellings," "A Borrowed Month," and an excellent article on "International Copyright" make the Midwinter number of the *Century* exceptionally good. Subscriptions, \$4; 35 cents a number. In club with the PRESS. \$5.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE for February opens with a beautiful steel engraving, after the celebrated picture of "Cinderella," by the great English artist, Sir John Millais. Then there is a mammoth colored steel fashion-plate; a double size colored pattern in embroidery, from the Art School; two other full-page engravings; and about fifty smaller wood-cuts. Such a wealth of illustration is unexampled. The novel, "The Cedar Swamp Mystery," becomes more powerful as it proceeds. "A Cinderella of To-day" is

one of the most charming love-stories we have ever read. Besides these, there are numerous other stories, novelties, etc., etc.; and no magazine gives such original stories as "Peterson." PEOPLE'S PRESS and "Peterson" for \$2.00.

Death of Mrs. Bayard.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—Mrs. Bayard, wife of the Secretary of State, died here this morning. The immediate cause of her death was congestion of the brain, brought on by the shock of her daughter's sudden death, two weeks ago. She stood the strain and the excitement quite well, but a week ago last Friday she was compelled to take her bed, and gradually grew worse from day to day. On Thursday congestion of the brain made its appearance. She was unconscious for twenty-four hours before her death. Although for years she had been a confirmed invalid, she had for the last six months been in better health than for many years.

Washington.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—In the Senate to-day, Mahone from the committee on public buildings and grounds reported favorably bills for the erection of public buildings at Vicksburg, Miss., \$100,000; Greenville, S. C., \$50,000; and Fortress Monroe, Va., \$15,000.

At the Cabinet meeting to-day the question of policy to be adopted in regard to the applications by the Senate for information concerning "suspensions" from office was considered. The President is understood to be opposed to complying with the requests, and he is satisfied by all members of the Cabinet and the Democrats in Congress.

The Indians.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 28.—A dispatch from Lieut. Mau, through Gen. Crook, states that on January 11th the troops under Capt. Crawford surrounded an Indian camp 50 miles southeast of Nocori, Mexico. After a running fight the Indians escaped, but sent word that they wished to hold a conference. While the troops were waiting the time of the conference they were attacked by 154 Mexican soldiers. Efforts were made to let them know that the troops were Americans and friends. Capt. Crawford and Lieutenant Mau advanced to talk when a volley was fired. Capt. Crawford was shot in the head, and Thorn, the interpreter, was wounded. The Mexican fire was returned, and the firing lasted for half an hour when Lieut. Mau succeeded in having a talk with the officer in command of the Mexicans. Their Captain having been killed, he was told that the Americans were taken for hostiles, owing to the darkness. Thorn, the chief of the scouts, and two Indians were slightly wounded, and another severely hurt. The Mexicans lost four killed and five wounded.

In the telegram sent by Lieutenant Mau, he says he believes the Mexicans expected to drive the Americans off with overwhelming force, and secure their camp and its effects.

England.

LONDON, January 27.—The meeting of the Cabinet to-day lasted an hour. The situation was fully discussed and it was resolved that the ministers should at once resign. The Marquis of Salisbury sent a special messenger to Osborne to inform the Queen of the decision of the Cabinet. The defeat of the Government has left all the political parties in the House of Commons in a dissolution of Parliament and an appeal to the country.

DUBLIN.—The *Freeman's Journal* is jubilant over the defeat of the Government in Parliament, and says: The action of the leaders of the National League in defeating the Government emphasizes the fact that there is a new force in politics which Parliament has to consider. The *Irish Times* says the Parnellites rely for help on Mr. Gladstone alone. They believe that he will make them an offer looking to the settlement of the Irish question.

LONDON.—Mr. Gladstone had a conference this afternoon with Lord Granville in relation to the resumption of office by the Liberals. The Marquis of Salisbury will have an interview to-day with Mr. W. H. Smith, who was yesterday sworn in as Chief Secretary for Ireland.

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Last Month's Weather.

Temperature—highest 65, on the 5th; lowest 5, on the 11th; monthly mean, 37. Mean humidity 77 per cent. Rainfall 2.4 inches. Prevailing winds north. There were 10 cloudy, 4 fair and 11, clear days. A few flakes of snow fell the 5th, 8th, 9th and 31st. One inch of hail fell on the 24th. Morning for the 19th.

For comparison with January of

former years we note the mean tem-

perature for January, 1855, 40; 1884,

38; 1883, 43.

A Fatal Attempt at Escape.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 1.—At Chester, S. C., Sunday night, while sheriff Hood was in the jail, in the discharge of his duties, he was attacked by three colored prisoners, who succeeded in getting the keys of the jail and a pistol away from the sheriff. A scuffle ensued, in which the pistol dropped to the floor. The sheriff regained possession of the weapon and shot one prisoner dead, after which the other two surrendered.

State Board of Agriculture.

At the meeting of this board last week, was the adoption of resolutions concerning carp culture and an oyster survey. The following was the resolution concerning carp culture:

Whereas the necessity for carp culture by the department no longer exists, since these fish have been so distributed throughout the State as to make them accessible to all persons desiring at a very cheap rate, it is therefore ordered that their culture at the State ponds be discontinued, and it is further ordered that the commissioner be instructed to dispose of the breeding fish remaining and the property of the department at said ponds, under the direction of the executive committee. Resolved further, that the enquiry into the fish interests of the State, directed by a former resolution of the board, be suspended until the completion of the oyster survey.

He then informed him that he would give him just ten seconds to leave the room. When the door closed on his retreating form he had eight of the ten seconds to spare.

Residential Succession Settled. On Tuesday what is known as the Hoar bill received the President's signature and thereby became law. So far as the succession to the Presidency is concerned the question is settled for the next four years, and what is more, is settled satisfactorily. No reasonably conceivable contingency will prevent the will of the people as expressed at the last election, from continuing in control of the Government during the present Presidential term. Mr. Bayard is now Acting Vice President of the United States.

He Used Hair Nostrums.

Says a Washington correspondent: Ex Senator Farley, who died in California last morning, the immediate cause of her death was congestion of the brain, brought on by the shock of her daughter's sudden death, two weeks ago. She stood the strain and the excitement quite well, but a week ago last Friday she was compelled to take her bed, and gradually grew worse from day to day. On Thursday congestion of the brain made its appearance. She was unconscious for twenty-four hours before her death. Although for years she had been a confirmed invalid, she had for the last six months been in better health than for many years.

Washington.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—In the Senate to-day, Mahone from the committee on public buildings and grounds reported favorably bills for the erection of public buildings at Vicksburg, Miss., \$100,000; Greenville, S. C., \$50,000; and Fortress Monroe, Va., \$15,000.

At the Cabinet meeting to-day the question of policy to be adopted in regard to the applications by the Senate for information concerning "suspensions" from office was considered. The President is understood to be opposed to complying with the requests, and he is satisfied by all members of the Cabinet and the Democrats in Congress.

Public Debt Statement for January.

WASHINGTON, February 1.—The debt statement issued to-day shows a decrease of the public debt during January to be \$8,672,653.82. Cash in the treasury, \$498,656,832.13; gold certificates, outstanding, \$115,284,951; silver certificates outstanding, \$89,761,609; certificates of deposit outstanding, \$14,590,000; legal tenders outstanding, \$346,738,696; fractional currency (not including amount estimated as lost or destroyed) \$6,959,153.77.

North Carolina's Precious Stones.

Mr. John H. Southerland, of Henderson county, brought to our office yesterday several specimens of gems and valuable stones in the rough. Among these were large quantities of precious garnet, oriental spinel, sardonyx, strolite, and fine corundum, and specimens of obsidian, which last comes from Haywood county.

No doubt that researches, pursued with scientific knowledge directing such research will lead to discoveries of most of the precious stones known. Only such as appeal to the unpracticed eye have been brought to notice, with the exception of Hiddenite, which came to knowledge in the search for another substance.—*Asheville Citizen.*

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It will surely cure any and every affection of the Throat, Lungs, and Chest, and to show our confidence in their efficacy, we invite you to call and get a Trial Bottle Free.

Fire at Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 1.—Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock a fire was discovered in a room in the Charlotte Hotel. The fire alarm was sounded and an investigation showed that the bed on which Alexander Heimovsky, a painter, slept, was on fire. He was badly burned and died this morning from the effects of his burns. The fire is supposed to have originated from a cigar or matches in his pocket. Three other men in the same room were severely burned by the smoke. Heimovsky was a Russian and had been living here nearly a year.—*Observer.*

ST. NICHOLAS for February

speaks words of truth and soberness when it calls the attention of the people of the South to the fact that the Northern mill men having partially exhausted the forests in their section, are turning their eyes to the virgin timbered lands of the South, and are already buying up large tracts. It says: "If the ravenous saw must be fed, and no better and cheaper building material than wood can be devised, then the people of the South should not dispose of their heritage for a mere pittance of its actual value. These huge tracts of yellow pine can be converted into gold, and should not be sacrificed as a worthless possession. We should make the most of our opportunities, and not yield too readily to the pressure of greenbacks. These huge areas of undisturbed trees are daily enhancing in value and importance as the supply in the North and West diminishes. The South possesses mines of wealth in her noble forests, and they should not be disposed of carelessly, and without a full appreciation of their true and real value."

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A Sea-coast Serial Story.

By J. T. Trowbridge, will be life-like, vigorous, and useful.

Jenny's Boarding-House.

By James Otis. Dealing with news-boy life and enterprise.

Frank R. Stockton will contribute several of his humorous and fanciful stories.

"Drill" by John Preston True. A capital school story for boys.

The Boyhood of Shakespeare, by Rose Kingsley. With illustrations by the author.

Short Stories for Girls by Louisa M. Alcott. The first—"The Candy Counter"—in November.

New "Bits of Talk for Young Folks," by H. H. Munro. This series forms a graceful and charming memoir of a child-loving and child-helping soul.

Papers on the Great English Schools, Rugby and others. Illustrations by Joseph Pennell.

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The People's Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1886.

LOCAL ITEMS.

AN EPITOME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS.

Departure and arrival of Trains on the Salem Branch—**N. W. N. C. R. R.**
No. 9 Leaves Salem, 6:30 a. m.
" 10 Arrives " 11:30 a. m.
" 11 Leaves " 6:55 p. m.
" 12 Arrives " 1:17 a. m.

—All persons in arrears for the Press will please call and settle.

—Press, self-pile, for sale

—Moon changed yesterday morning.

—See new advertisement of M. M. Stein.

—Day's length 10 hours and 25 minutes.

GOOD HORSE for sale Enquire at this office.

—The Jai lot in Winston sold on Tuesday last for \$8 300.

—Superior Court in session this week. Judge Montgomery presiding.

—A valuable House and Lot on Marshall Street, Salem, for sale. For particulars apply at this office.

—For ELEGANT JEWELRY, in endless variety, go to BEVAN, the Jeweler, Main Street, Winston, N. C.

—After a damp, rainy spell, cold weather set in again Monday. Slight snow Tuesday night. Rain and sleet Wednesday.

—The Winston *Sentinel* will be issued semi-weekly shortly, at \$3 per annum. A daily *Sentinel* is in contemplation.

—Wm. P. Gilmer, of Mt. Airy, fell while skating on the ice last week, and broke his thigh bone and otherwise injuring him.—News.

—On Monday afternoon over 75 wagons loaded with tobacco passed our office on their way to the warehouses. The breaks were the largest ever on this market.

—CLOCKS of all kinds and WALKING CANES, at BEVAN's Jewelry Store, Main Street, Winston, N. C.

—Mrs. Edwards and her daughter, Miss Minnie, late of Salem, are preparing to open a fancy grocery in Jarrel's store room in High Point. They will also manufacture candy.

—Enterprise.

—Henry Null, who moved from this neighborhood to Whitesboro, Indiana, writes that the Kermersville letter published in the *Press*, is mistaken in the inference drawn that he was tired of Indiana and probably would soon return to North Carolina.

—SPECTACLES and EYE GLASSES, in Gold, Silver, Steel and Rubber frames, to suit all Eyes, you will find at BEVAN's, the Optician, Main Street, Winston, N. C.

—Some people are just as cross as a bear, they snap your head off when you happen to open your mouth. We can not excuse them, for they have bad colds, which makes them irritable; and are too mean to buy a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, which restores your good nature.

HEAVY PORK.—Branson Beeson, of this county, slaughtered 3 hogs weighing 346, 332 and 303. He also killed a calf, 4 weeks old, averaging twenty pounds to the quarter.

Mr. Beeson makes from five cows, for market, 25 pounds of butter per week, besides enough for family use.

—If you want your WATCHES, CLOCKS and JEWELRY REPAIRED by skilled workmen, and ENGRAVING and LETTERING done by practical Engravers, go to J. BEVAN Watchmaker and Jeweler, Main Street, Winston, N. C.

—The Kernersville *News* says: Dr. E. Kerner, who recently returned from Yadkin county, tells of a novel as well as useful invention, at Conrad's Ferry, for transporting persons across the Yadkin river. It consists of a strong wire, stretched across the river, and a grooved wheel on top from which a car hangs suspended. There is a pulley on one side of the river and a windlass on the other, around which an endless rope works and to which the car is fastened. The doctor, who was the man to try it, says it runs smoothly and without a jar. This may do away with ferry boats and prove a valuable invention.

—SOLID SILVER SPOONS and TRIPLE PLATED SILVERWARE, at bottom figures, for sale by J. BEVAN, Silversmith, Main Street, Winston, N. C.

—A list of Letters remaining in the Post Office at Salem, N. C., for the week ending Jan. 30th, 1886:

—Mrs. Perina Denby Mrs. Sarah A. Swain, Mrs. Amanda C. Smith.

Gentlemen.

Mr. Ivan Culbreth, Mr. J. J. Heze, Mr. L. J. Jones, Jacob Spach, Mr. S. H. Ward.

To obtain any of these letters the applicant must call for advertised letters. If not called for within one month they will be sent to the dead letter office.

T. B. DOUTHIT, P. M.

N. W. N. C. Guide Book.

An illustrated edition of this popular pamphlet has just been issued. An appendix notices the late improvements in Salem and Winston. Price 25 cents.

Weather Signals

of the U. S. Signal Service, will be displayed at the Salem Iron Works, every morning at nine o'clock. We are indebted to Mr. C. A. Hege, proprietor of the Iron Works, for the following:

—It is expected that the temperature will fall suddenly fifteen to forty degrees, or more, in any section of the country, the cold wave warning is immediately telegraphed to selected stations of the Signal Service, from 24 to 48 hours in advance, at which the cold-wave flags are immediately hoisted, in order that the public may be fully informed. The information is also sent by telephone and telegraph, whenever practicable, to all towns and railroad stations in the vicinity of the Signal Service stations displaying the signal.

—Cold-wave signals will not be ordered unless a temperature of 45 degrees, or less, is expected. When the temperature is expected to fall 20 degrees, or more, in any district, and not reach 45 degrees, announcement of "cold wave approaching" will be made in the "Indications." No signals will be displayed for cool waves.

—The cold wave signal is a white flag, 6 or 8 feet square, with black centre about two feet square. It is displayed in advance of the cold wave, and is lowered when the wave arrives.

—The following explanation of the signals will be found useful.

No. 1. White flag with large red sun in centre, to indicate "Higher Temperature," or warmer weather.

No. 2. White flag with red crescent in centre, to indicate "Lower Temperature," or colder weather.

No. 3. White flag with red star in centre, to indicate "Stationary Temperature."

No. 4. White flag with large blue sun in centre, to indicate "General Rain (or Snow.)"

No. 5. White flag with blue crescent in centre, to indicate "Clear or Fair Weather."

No. 6. White flag with blue star in centre, to indicate "Local Rain (or Snow.)"

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—Felix Sink and Zeb Rothrock's team ran away with a load of hay in Winston last week. They had paid for damages done to a porch which was struck by the wagon, and make considerable repairs to their harness, but it is fortunate the damages were no more.

—Miss Nancy J. Beeson showed us a number of house plants which were completely frozen during the severe cold. It is the first time any plants had ever been frozen in the house. They were placed near the fire and special care was taken with them, but notwithstanding all his they could not withstand the cold.

—A person told us that if people were to put a heavy coat of salt on gardens, it would be of great good to them, as it was at the rate of 75 bushels to the acre, it answers several good purposes. It acts against the destruction of vegetables by insects, it keeps the ground moist, and it is a good fertilizer. Brine from meat hogsheads and fish barrels could be put to good purpose if used in this way.

—We hear of some farmers who are buying tobacco stems, to use them as fuel on ovens this spring. There is no doubt but what they make a good profit in buying them for this purpose; but at 4 cents a pound, it puts the cost of such fertilizer at \$80 a ton. This is nearly treble the commercial value of most standard manufactured fertilizers.

—We heard one fruit raiser say he

keeps the rabbits from eating the bark of his young fruit trees by cutting twigs from his larger trees and putting them near the young trees. He says the rabbits will gnaw these twigs in preference to the trees. By attending to this and giving them fresh supply frequently, there is but little danger of their being molested by rabbits.

—Michael Bodenhamer has much complaint of depredations committed in barns by rats. We once trapped more than thirty rats in a wheat hogshead, by putting smooth boards over the top and cutting a hole in them so that it came over the middle of the hogshead. The rats would jump into the hole. The rats would jump into the hole and not get out.

—A farmer says that he always picks out enough trees in his orchard to bear fruit sufficient for family use, and puts hay and straw under them to prevent the sun from shining against the roots of these trees, of a spring, until it is late enough that the tree is in no danger of being injured by frost. He says by keeping back the blossoms in this way, he has frequently had a crop of fruit on trees thus managed, when that on other trees was killed.

—Richard Beeson discovered that

something had been committing depredations on cotton clothing, &c., which were in his loft. He called him to know how rats could find an entrance to his loft, but the mystery was explained when he cut a hollow tree near his house that happened to be the den of ten flying squirrels. He succeeded in killing 7 of them, but three made their escape. They had a comfortable bed made of rags, cotton, and other scraps which they had carried from the house. They entered the loft at the eaves of the house. Flying squirrels are worse than rats to eat up clothing.

—Our Superintendent, Prof. A. I. Butler, has been visiting some of the Public Schools in the western portion of the county.

—Conrad Broad, saw mill, one and a half miles on the road below Vienna, was burned on the night of the 22d inst. The fire caught from the furnace and was passed control when first discovered, near midnight, Los about \$1 000.

—Over the recent cold weather,

the Yadkin river was frozen over for about 2 weeks, keeping many wagons on both sides from crossing and depriving us of our mail except when it was occasionally carried across by a footman. The ice on the river is rough, as it does not form on the surface, but freezes on the bottom, breaks up and becomes "mush ice," which becomes thicker until it finally congeals into solid ice and ceases to flow.

G. Venn, N. C., Jan. 20th, 1886.

The lighthouse at the mouth of the Roanoke river was overturned by the breaking up of the ice. A passing steamer relieved the keepers from their perilous situation.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

—Some in our neighborhood have sowed cabbage seed already.

—Andrew Sink will start South with horses the first of next week.

—The school at Chestnut Grove will close on the second Friday in February.

—David Cimard, of Davidson county, was very sick last week, but he is now recovering.

—There will be meeting at Pleasant Retreat on the second Saturday and Sunday in February.

—Francis Fisher, of Friedberg, recently cut a pumpkin of his last year's crop which weighed fifty pounds.

—We hear of some cases of pneumonia in Davidson county. The changeable weather is apt to be attended by this disease.

—The school at Eagle Hill will close on next Friday (to-morrow). The school was not quite three months. The schools of Davidson will average only something over two months.

—We notice that some persons in Davidson county are already preparing their watermelon patches. These persons say that vines do better if the manure is in the hills early.

—We saw some apples that were frozen hard during the snow, and now they are in nearly as good condition as if they had not been frozen. They were kept where the air did not strike them until they thawed.

—We had heard it reported that much of the wheat had been killed during the cold weather this winter; but if a person examines it closely it is found not to be badly injured so far.

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